

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF DENTURISTS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 30, 2005
9:00 a.m.

Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road Southeast, Room 202
Tumwater, WA 98501

On September 30, 2005, the Board of Denturists met at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. S.E., Room 202, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Anderson, Chair
Robert Fettig, Pro Tem
Michael Gillispie
Richard Green, Public Member
J. Eric Hansen, Pro Tem
James Henderson, Public Member
Bernie Kopfer, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vallan Charron

STAFF PRESENT:

Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 3
Joy King, Executive Director
Sharon Reeves, Program Representative

Friday, September 30, 2005

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m. to 11:43 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Bruce Anderson, Chair.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.2 Approval of July 22, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were changed to reflect George Eckhardt, Vice-Chair approved the minutes of July 22, 2005 instead of Bruce Anderson, Chair.

2. CONTINUING COMPETENCY RULE HEARING

A hearing was held to receive testimony supporting or opposing the following proposed rule: WAC 246-812-020 Continuing Competency Requirements. The department received comments on the rules website, one supporting the rule with a minimum of 12 hours and one saying they were unable to open the rules. No comments were received opposing the rule. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adopt the rule.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Staff provided an update to the board on each of these areas.

3.1 Budget Information

The board was provided an update on the 2005 – 2007 budget. It was noted that we have not received the 25th month (end of biennium) budget. The board will be provided an updated budget at a future meeting.

3.2 Disciplinary Information and Update

Current disciplinary statistics for the period of July 12, 2005 thru September 16, 2005 were provided to the board for their review and information.

3.3 Online Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination

The board was informed that staff has not received the ethics and jurisprudence questions from Ken Kais, D.D.S. at Bates Technical College. The questions will be reviewed at their next meeting for inclusion into the examination. The board asked staff to pull the ethics and jurisprudence questions out of the current question bank. These questions along with the ones from Dr. Kais will be combined. The board discussed the possibility of having two separate computerized examinations given on the same day. The ethics and jurisprudence examination would be one examination and the other is the written examination. The ethics and jurisprudence computerized examination will be scored as a pass/fail.

The board discussed and agreed unanimously, that the written examination and the ethics and jurisprudence examination be administered four times a year. If one of these computerized examinations were failed, this would allow the candidate the chance for an informal review prior to the next examination administration.

Staff was requested to provide possible meeting and examination dates at the next meeting. The April and October examinations will not change. Staff will change the examination outline in the candidate handbook to reflect these changes. Staff will contact Bates Technical College denturist program in order to give them advance notice of the changes to the examination(s).

3.4 Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings

Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) is to be contacted to and asked to attend the November 18, 2005 meeting in Tumwater.

3.4 Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings (continued)

The joint meeting between the Oregon Board of Denture Technology and the Washington Board of Denturists has not been scheduled. Staff will schedule a Friday meeting in the Portland/Vancouver area.

4. EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

4.1 Update from AAG on AA degree, internships, externships and reciprocity

Staff is to contact the AAG and request him to be at the next meeting. The board would like information on the degree requirement, internships/externships and reciprocity with the other states.

If the board were to require a degree, it would not be effective for two years in order to allow those students already in the program to graduate and be eligible to take our written and clinical examinations. They would also like information on requiring candidates to have completed an internship/externship prior to graduation or completion of their program. The students now coming out of school do not have the experience that is required to practice. If the board can require an internship/externship, would it be an RCW change or a WAC change.

This item was requested to be on the next agenda.

4.2 CR 101 on educational requirements to be licensed or sit for the examination

This item was moved to the next agenda as the board would like to have information to review before the discussion with the AAG.

4.3 Standards for degrees from approved denturist programs

This item was moved to the next agenda to allow staff time to research and have available the following information:

- Definition of “Associates” degree
- Oregon’s fee(s) for examination and licensure
- Oregon’s requirements for examination and licensure
- Information on how a degree will affect reciprocity with the states of Oregon and Maine

5. MEETING AND EXAMINATION DATES FOR 2006

The board discussed possible meeting and examination dates for 2006. Before the dates are finalized, staff is to contact Bates Technical College to ask when the denturist students graduate. There is to be examinations in the months of April and October. Staff will provide the board with a tentative schedule at the next meeting.

6. MINIMUM NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE EXAMINATION(S)

The board discussed the issue of when is it not cost effective to hold a clinical examination. Staff will prepare a cost benefit analysis on the average expenditures versus revenue for a one day and a two day practical examination.

6. MINIMUM NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE EXAMINATION(S) (continued)

Further more in order to have a consistent number of candidates for the clinical examination, the board would like to see Bates Technical College level out their class sizes for the denturist program.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be placed on a future agenda:

- online examinations
- educational requirements for internships / externships
- AA degree
- cost analysis for a one day and two day practical examination
- cost of Oregon's denture examination
- Oregon's requirements for licensing and examination

8. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

The board discussed the issue of past clinical examinations and the models that are kept by the Department of Health. A suggestion was made to contact Bates Technical College to see if they would be interested in having the teeth from the models. A condition to Bates receiving the teeth is that they should go towards dentures for low income or no income individuals.

The archive retention schedule will be revised to reflect that models from candidates who passed the clinical examination will be kept in the office for six months and they will have six months to obtain their models. After six months these models will be recycled. Models from candidates who failed the clinical examination will be kept in the office for six years and then recycled. The candidates will be notified of the changes in retention.

CLOSED SESSION – 11:43 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

9. REGIONAL EXAMINATION

The board discussed the issue of a regional examination with Oregon and reviewed their clinical examination score sheets to make a determination on if they could be combined with ours. It was noted that Oregon's grading sheets were too detailed, but they would be helpful to new examiners as they are grading and might be easier to defend if a candidate challenged the examination.

OPEN SESSION – 12:07 p.m. to 12:08 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2005.

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki L. Brown
Health Services Consultant 3

Bruce Anderson, Chair